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Cover. The word "Green" should be "Greene".

Page 5. "W.O.Excell" should be W.O.Ezell.

Page 6-36b. "Dr.AE.Denson" should be Dr.E.A. Denson.

Page 10. See Mississippi Baptist Orphanage report on page 17.

Page 11. The word "made" Should be placed between the words "has it" in third line of Periodicals and Publications. "Baptist" in last line should read: Mississippi Baptist.

Page 13. The word "things" should be placed between the words "great we" in fifth paragraph of Woman's Work. "Mrs. J. C. Lanerum" should read: Mrs. J. C. Landrum.

Page 16. The word "to" in second paragraph of Temperance Report should be "too".

W.M.U. STATISTICS: Mrs.T.Tomlinson, President Leakesville; Mrs.T.L.Lewis, President McLain; Janie Denson, Pres. New Hope.

FINANCIAL TABLE. Value of Church Property: Leaf, $1000; Leakesville, $5000; McLain, $1200 Pleasant Hill,$500; Rocky Creek,$1000; Salem $300; Salem (East Side) $1000; Shady Grove, $1000; Sweet Water, $3000; Union, $300; Unity, $450; Washington, $1000.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Rocky Creek Baptist Church,
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OPENING SESSION

1. The Leaf River Baptist Association met this day in its twenty-sixth annual session with the Rocky Creek Baptist Church, George County, Mississippi at 11 o'clock a.m., Bro. Newton James presiding; Dr T.A. Chapman acting Clerk. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Tom Tomlinson by reading 46th Psalm, and offering prayer.

2. Brother L.K.Turner, the appointee to preach the opening sermon, not being present, Brother H.T. Vaughan of the Mobile County Association preached the sermon in a very instructive manner using as a text John 6:9.

3. On motion the body adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

4. Pursuant to adjournment the body was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Bro.Joe Walley. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W.J.Peters.

5. The Association proceeded to organize by appointing as reading clerks, brethren CP.Eubanks, J.W. Mills and E.E.Roberts.

6. A Finance committee was appointed consisting of the following named brethren, to wit: E.M.Ball, T.E

Beard and Charles Hillman.

7. The following named churches presented their letters which were read and their delegates seated, to wit:

Antioch—Eugene Williams. Cedar Grove—S.R. Breland. Fellowship—C P.Smith. Leaf—B.C.Daughdrill. Leaksville—T.A.Chapman, Mose Mixon and Miss Nancy Miller. McLain—By letter only. Macedonia—A.J.Hewlett and P.M.Davis. New Hope—J.A.Brown, Dr.E.A.Denson and A.L.Vice. Pleasant Hill—By letter only. Rocky Creek—C.P.Eubanks, Dr.J.W.Horn and G.W.Welford. Salem—James Henderson. Salem (East Side)—J. W. Mills and T. E. Beard. Sand Hill—Joe Walley and E. E. Roberts. Shady Grove—J. W. Howell, J.H.Davis and Charles Goff. Sweet Water—W.P.Williams. Union—Gatha Beavers. Unity—E.M. Ball Washington—Charles Hillman, J.B.Daughdrill and Willie Fike.

8. Corresponding Messengers from sister associations were given seats, to wit: Washington County (Ala) Association, Rev.J.L.Jackson. Mobile County (Ala.) Association, Rev.H.T.Vaughn.

9. An election was held for officers for the ensuing year which resulted in the unanimous election of Joe Walley for Moderator, Dr.T.A.Chapman, Assistant Moderator and E.E.Roberts Secretary and Treasurer.

10. Bro. E. M. Ball was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro.Will Howell his alternate.

11. The following named brethren were elected delegates to the State Convention, to wit: P.M.Davis, C.P.Eubanks, W.P.Williams and Rev.T.Tomlinson.

12. By motion the Moderator was empowered to

appoint Corresponding Messengers to the following associations:

Macedonia Association, C.P.Smith. Mobile County (Ala.) Association, Dr. E. A. Denson. Washington County (Ala.) Association, P.M.Davis.

13 Brethren, C P.Eubanks, C.P.Smith and J.W. Mills were appointed a program committee.

14. Committee on State of Condition of Churches: J.W.Howell, E.M.Ball and A J.Hulett.

15. Committee on Periodicals and Publications: Eugene Williams, Jas. Henderson and B.C.Daughdrill.

16. Committee on Denominational Education: Dr. E.A.Denson, W.P.Williams, A.L.Vice, Dr.J.W.Horn.

17. Committee on Baptist Orphanage: J.W.Mills, J.H.Davis and Chas. Goff.

18. Committee on Temperance: E.J.Peters, Chas. Hilllman and J.B.Daughdrill.

19. Committee on Church Discipline: C.P.Smith, J.A.Brown and Willie Fike.

20. Committee on Music: Miss Nancy Miller, W. P.Williams and E.M. Ball.

21. Committee on Sunday Schools: G. W. Welford, T.E.Beard and W.D.Howel.

22. Committee on Relationship of Church and Pastor: C.P.Smith, Jas. Henderson and B.C.Daughdrill.

23. Committee on Memorials: Chas. Hillman, Jas. Henderson and J.H.Davis.

24. Committee on State Missions: Rev.J.W.Peters, G.W.Welford and Eugene Williams.

25. Committee on Home Missions: Rev. Tom Tomlinson, Jas. Henderson and Chas. Goff.

26. Committee on Foreign Missions: Rev. H. T.

Vaughn, J. W. Mills, E. E. Roberts and Dr. J. W. Horn.

27. Committee on Queries, Requests and Nominations: Jas. Henderson, Willie Fike and C. P. Eubanks.

28. Committee on Woman's Work: Mrs. T. Tomlinson, Miss Nancy Miller and W. P. Miller.

29. Program Committee announced that Rev. Tom Tomlinson will preach at 7:30 P. M.

30. The Association adjourned for the day.

SECOND DAY—FORENOON SESSION

Rocky Creek Church, October 14, 1916.

31. The Association met at 9:30 a. m., Moderator Joe Walley presiding, devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Tom Tomlinson.

32. The Executive Board was appointed as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Cedar Grove	Newton James
Fellowship	L. C. Kitrell
Leaf	Joe Daughdrill
Leaksville	J. E. Miller
McLain	E. E. Todd
New Hope	A. L. Vise
Pleasant Hill	Calvin Byrd
Rocky Creek	Dan Eubanks
Salem (East side)	W. O. Excell
Salem (Smithtown)	J. C. Henderson
Sand Hill	E. E. Roberts
Shady Grove	Wm. Howel
Sweet Water	J. D. Turner
Unity	E. M. Ball
Union	J. L Beaver
Washington	Chas. Hillman
Macedonia	P. M. Davis
Antioch	Eugene Williams

33. Committee reports read and adopted as follows:

(a) State or Condition of Churches, read by Rev. W.J.Peters. After discussion by brother Peters and Rev.H T.Vaughn, it was adopted.

(b) Report on Baptist Orphanage read by J. W. Mills, and after discussion by Brother Mills and Rev.T. Tomlinson, it was adopted.

(c) Report on Memorials read by Chas. Hillman; after which it was adopted.

(See reports elsewhere.)

34. Rev. W. J. Peters preached at 11 a.m., afterwhich the Association adjourned for refreshments.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

35. The Association met at 1:30 p. m. Moderator Joe Walley presiding, prayer offered by Rev. T. Tomlinson.

36. The following reports were read and adopted to wit:

(a) Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. T.Tomlinson, and discussed by Miss M.M.Lackey, after which it was adopted.

(b) Report on Denominational Education was read by Dr.AE.Denson and adopted without discussion.

(c) Report on Periodicals and Publications was read by Eugene Williams, and after discussion by brethren A.S.Mellichamp, J. L. Jackson and W. J. Peters, it was adopted.

(d) Report on Church Discipline was read and discussed by brethren T. Tomlinson and J. L. Jackson, after which it was adopted.

(e) Report on Relation of Church and Pastor was

read, and after discussion by brethren T. Tomlinson, E. M. Ball, A. S. Mellichamp, J. L. Jackson, C. P. Smith and Dr. E. A. Denson, it was adopted.

(f) Report on Music was read by Miss Miss Nancy Miller, and after discussion by E. M. Ball and E. E. Boberts it was adopted.

(See reports elsewhere.)

37. By request of the Moderator he was excused for the hour and Bro. Newton James was appointed Moderator Protem.

38. A resolution was adopted to amend Sec. 3 of the Constitution so as to read: "The membership of this Association shall be composed of three delegates from each church holding a membership in the Association, and the pastors of the Association.

39. Treasurer's Report read and adopted. (See report elsewhere.)

40. Report of committee on Queries, Requests and Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT

We, your committee, recommend that the next annual meeting of this Association convene with Sand Hill Baptist Church, Richton, R F.D.No.1, Miss. Green County, on Friday before the third Sunday in October A.D. 1917.

Signed, JAMES HENDERSON,
C.P.EUBANKS,
WILLIE FIKE,

41. On motion the Secretary-Treasurer was ordered to have five hundred copies of minutes of this Association printed for distribution among the churches of the Association and to pay for same out of the funds of the Association.

42. By motion the Secretary-Treasurer was allowed a fee of $10.00 and incidental expenses for getting out and distributing minutes etc.

43. On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 7 P.M.

SECOND DAY – EVENING SESSION

44 The Association met pursuant to adjournment and the following business was transacted, to wit: By consent of the Association Bro. E.J. Peters made a verbal report on Temperance with the understanding that he would present the same in writing to the Secretary of the Association. The report was discussed by Bro. Peters after which it was adopted.

(See report on another page.)

45 An interesting and instructive sermon was preached by Rev. Tom Tomlinson, using Gen.1.1, after which the Association adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY—SUNDAY FORENOON SESSION

Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Oct. 15, 1917.

46. Pursuant to adjournment the Association met and the following business was transacted, to wit:

(a) The report on Sunday Schools was read and after discussion by brethren Tom Tomlinson and W.J. Peters it was adopted.

(b) The report on State Missions was read by Rev. W.J. Peters.

(c) The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. T. Tomlinson.

(d) The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. H.T. Vaughan.

47. The above Mission reports were all discussed

together by Miss M. M. Lackey, after which they were adopted.

48. Finance Committee's report was adopted. (See these reports on another page.)

49. A collection was taken for the benefit of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, amounting to $12.25.

50. A collection was taken for the benefit of Bro. J. L. Jackson, which amounted to $11.25.

51. It was ordered that the Secretary Treasurer open an account on his books for the purpose of collecting funds to help defray the expenses of the Association's delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NEWTON JAMES, TREASURER,
In account with LEAF RIVER ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS

Oct. 15, 1915	To Balance on hand	$ 0	31
" 16, "	For Associational purposes	39	35
" " "	" State Missions	15	54
" " "	" Home Missions	15	46
" " "	" Foreign Missions	17	01
" " "	" Orphanage	4	98
	Total Receipts	$ 92	65

DISBURSEMENTS

To Clerk's Fee		$ 10	00
" "	Stamps and Stationery	1	72
"	Banner Press (printing minutes)	35	35
"	J. B. Lawrence (Missions & Orph.)	47	96
"	State Convention Board (Missions)	5	03
	Total Disbursements	$100	06
		92	65
To Balance due Secretary-Treasurer as per statement		$ 7	41

Respectfully submitted,
NEWTON JAMES, Sec.-Treas.

REPORTS

STATE OR CONDITION OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on State or Condition of Churches beg leave to report.

We find it impossible for us to make a complete report with the information we have, but will report in a general way as has been the custom heretofore.

The most of our churches seem to be progressing fine, and nearly all of them have pastors and a good Sunday School. The ladies organizations of our churches have proven to be of great help in the cause of Christ and the building up of His kingdom.

We find that our churches are doing better this year in the cause of missions than heretofore, but we think they could be improved a great deal yet. We realize that the world must receive the gospel through the church as the agent of Christ and therefore we recommend that every church wake up to a fuller sense of their duty along this line. We also recommend that the churches take better care of their pastors financially in the future than they have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J.N HOWELL, Chairman
E.M. BALL
A.J. HULETT.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

You have for consideration at this time the home for orphans, located at Jackson, known as the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage. It was established nineteen years ago under the direction of the Baptist denomination in Mississippi. It is under the management of twenty one trustees, eighteen appointed by the State Convention and three by the General Association. These trustees employ a local superintendent who has the general su-

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The health of the children for the past year has been about as usual.

The idea of placing children in well selected homes is growing more and more popular, feeling that the best possible condition that can be made of children who have no promise of a future home with relatives, is to place them with foster parents, who by disposition, social and financial circumstancs are prepared to give them a home with opportunities that are calculated to to develope in them the noblest form of manhood and womanhood.

PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS

The advancing civilization and the establishment of good schools such as agricultural high schools and consolidated schools has it more necessary to distribute good literature than ever before.

While our girls and boys are receiving their primary education, is the time to influence them correctly. We must place before them good books, papers, periodicals and tracts, containing our doctrines, such should be kept before them while other books and papers should not be allowed to enter the home.

We recommend for the betterment of our girls and boys first of all the Bible as the book of books, then the best papers such as the Baptist Record and Orphanage Gem, published at Jackson, Mississippi; Baptist, at

Decatur; The Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas, and the Southern Baptist series, published at Nashville, Tenn. for the Sunday School.

EUGENE WILLIAMS, Chairman
JAMES HENDERSON
B.C. DAUGHDRILL.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

We your committee on Church Discipline beg leave to report.

We as a people of God need to maintain a strict diseciplin in our churches. We should realize the great responsibility that rests upon us as christians. We should regulate the order of our churches by being more closely organized for better work. We should organize ourselves for more efficient work in training our membership mentally, morally and spiritually. In many instances we cannot distinguish the church members from those of the world. We as professed christians should let our lights so shine that others seeing our good works might be constrained to glorify our Father in heaven. We should have a great many more Baptist people if we as brethren would dwell closer together in unity. We should keep our churches free from some of the so called Baptist doctrines which are invading some of our churches to the destruction of our organized work. We should prove our profession of religion by our daily walks. We as christians, should stand firm in the faith, support the weak, raise the fallen and pray for the salvation of sinners. Let our lives be living epistles of God, showing to the world His power to save to the uttermost.

Respectfully submitted,
C.P. SMITH, Chairman
W.E. FIKE
J.A. BROWN.

WOMAN'S WORK

We, Your Committee on Woman's Work would make the following report:

The day has come when churches realize that woman has a part to fill in the world's great work of every kind. Now, without protest she takes her place in every kind of business, therefore why should she neglect that for which she is best fitted—helping keep house for God? About whom was it said "She hath given more than all"? About whom was it said "She hath done what she could and let this be told where ever the gospel is preached as a memorial of her"?

It was the busy needle of Dorcas that left her monument in the great pile of garments made for the poor. Who is best fitted to get up orphanage boxes, and look after the missionaries' needs and equip our own church buildings with homelike comforts, lights and comfortable seats, help build and furnish pastors homes?

We know of one W.M S. in this Association, with not more than fifteen members that during this associational year has fitted the church with lights at a cost of $250.00, gotten up a $25.00 orphanage box, made a contribution of not less than $20.00 to missions, besides often replenishing the pastor's pantry and helping the poor of the community.

We've only to organize and unite our forces and means to see what great we can accomplish for God.

We are glad to note a desire on the part of the women of all our churches to make some organized effort. The pastor who neglects this great force lacks that much of leading all his people.

We recommend an organization in each church, and plead for the cooperation of all the pastors in this great work, and that Mrs. J. C. Lanerum, Leakesville, Mississippi, be appointed Associational Superintendent.

MRS. T. TOMLINSON, Chairman,
MISS NANCY MILLER,
P. M. WILLIAMS.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION

We your committee on Denominational Education beg leave to make the following report:

Upon investigation we find that there are about one thousand students enrolled in the Baptist Denominational Schools in the State, that is, schools owned and controlled by the Baptist. We find that we have no Baptist Preparatory schools in the state, and that those who are under direct Baptist teaching are pursuing collegiate work. We, as Baptist seem to have gotten the idea that a great number of high schools and agricultural high schools over the state will largely take care of the preparitory training. This idea should be corrected and some effort made to build schools where boys and girls can be trained in a denominational way. There are a goodly number of denominational schools, belonging to other denominations that are in a flourishing condition. These are filling their denominational colleges, and why not the Baptist?

Out of a population in the state of about one million, eight hundred thousand, we have enrolled in the Baptist church about four hundred thousand, or about one fourth of the people. We have about ten thousand students doing collegiate work, and according to our number of Baptists we should have about twenty five hundred students in the Baptist colleges. This statement seems to show that some of our Baptists are not standing by our denominational schools. Various reasons can be advanced for this. The lack of interest in denominational training is one, and the lack of prestige given by our denominational schools and the failure of schools to give the desired courses of instruction. The lack of prestige and the fewness of courses can be laid at the door of every Baptist in the state. We do not contribute enough to the support of these institutions.

With these facts in view, we, the committee, beg leave to ask that this Association go on record as asking its members to contribute more to denominational training, as favoring the establishment of some preparatory

schools, and remembering them more in our petitions to the throne of Grace.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. DENSON, Chairman
W. P. WILLIAMS
A. L. VISE.

RELATIONSHIP OF CHURCH AND PASTOR

We your committee on Relationship of Church and Pastor, beg leave to report as follows:

The relationship of Church and Pastor should be as that of a father and his family. The Pastor should minister to the church in spiritual things, and the church should minister to him of their carnel things. The Lord's command to the pastor is to feed His sheep.

Respectfully submitted,
C. P. SMITH, Chairman
JAMES HENDERSON
B. C. DAUGHDRILL.

MUSIC

We, your committee on music beg leave to report.

Who does not know the rapturous charm and softening power of music? Who hears the harsh voice of selfishness and brutalizing passion when music gathers up her pearly lovenotes to salute the ear with a song of paradise?

Truly there is power in music, and almost omnipotent power. It will tyrannize the soul. it will force it to bow down, it will wring adoration from it and compel the heart to yield its treasures of love. How sweet does it make the worship of God to have the reverent emotions poured out in song!

Besides music being powerful, universal, the voice of love and the type of the infinite, it is venerable for its age. As it is the voice of God's love, we know not but that it is coexistent with His being.

Music breathes like a miracle of inspiration through the soul to elevate, refine, and spiritualize. No leth-

argy can exist in in the soul that is pouring forth a tide of music. Its very recesses are all astir. Every thing within becomes active. When we think how much the world needs awakening we can think of no other power better calculated to do it than that which sweels in the mysterious melodies. Let everybody become musicians and surely they would become living souls.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY MILLER, Chairman.
ALEX BALL
W. P. WILLIAMS.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to report.

From time immemorial the whiskey traffic has been at enmity against all that is righteous or moral. The awful results are almost to sad to mention. It demoralizes all that it touches from the time it leaves the still until it is consumed by the individual.

We, your committee urge that all members of our churches abstain from the use of this poison, because of the destruction of their lives and the influence it may have on the young people of our country.

We urgently urge a moderation in the use of tobacco, especially the cigarette.

Your committee,
E. J. PETERS, Chairman,
J. B. DAUGHDRILL
CHAS. HILLMAN.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows:

The Sunday School work in our churches is far in advance of what it was a few years ago. We find that

all of the churches have Sunday School about nine months in the year, and most of them have evergreen Sunday Schools.

We realize that the teachers of the day-schools in the different church communities have done a great deal toward making our Sunday Schools better. We think that parents of the children, and all church members should attend Sunday School regularly. We recommend that all teachers and officers in our Sunday Schools take the Teachers Training course offered by the Sunday School Board. This would not only Make the work more efficient but enable them to interest and hold those they are to teach.

We are glad to note that a number of the additions to the church have come from the Sunday School this year. This shows us what Sunday Schools are doing and should encourage us to be more interested in our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. Welford, Chairman
T. E. Beard
W. D. Howell.

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The home greatly needs financial aid because of the wear and the increase of enrollment. Any serviceable articles sent the Orphanage are greatly appreciated, but share your money with those little fellows. The price of a few cigars, cold drinks and auto pleasure rides will fit the home. Will your back-bone not rear that much?

Resbectfully submitted,

A. F. HOUSTON

J. W. MILLS

J. H. DAVIS

CHAS GOFF

Note: There were two reports read and adopted, and the Association ordered the Secretary to condense the matter contained in the two into one report, but the above report covering practically every thing in the other it seems sufficient to print one only.

—E. E. R.

MEMORIALS.

We your committee on memorials beg leave to make the following report:

We find that our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from this world and to trans-

plant into His Heavenly vineyard our beloved brethren and sisters who were members of the following churches to wit: Washington, J.W. Daughdrill, J.W. Byrd and Elisabeth Turner. Leaf, Mrs. M. McLendon, McLain, Wilkie Gunn. Macedonia, Mrs. Willie Smith and Mrs Annie Welford. Fellowship, Mrs. Margurett I. Smith Rocky Creek, Mrs. Calvin Cannon, Mrs. Sophia Havard, Mrs. Sarah Johnston and Bessie Havard. New Hope, Willie Vise. Sand Hill, LutherWade, Jahazy Dunnam and Elizabeth Stagy. Unity, J.U Brewer and Manervia Brewer. Pleasant Hill, Lloyd Turner. Shady-Grove, W.M. Ranager, Jas. H. Howell and Mrs. Arch Havard.

These brethren and sisters all died in the triumphs of a living faith, and their lives were as so many open books of good deeds done to others. They were so well known as Christians that their death's seem to us as only the passing over from their labors to their eternal rewards.

Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved ones sleeping.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved ones our unbounded sympathies and trust that the knowledge of their long and useful lives will alleviate the grief with which their hearts are filled.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES HILLMAN

J.H. DAVIS

JAMES HENDERSON.

STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee, beg to submit the following report:

State Missions is an organized effort to make Mississippi a Baptist state. This work is done through a committee appointed by the State Convention composed of representatives from the different churches each year. No doubt all our members are fully informed upon this and it is needless to go into details at every

meeting of our Association. The thing that we should wake up to is the importance of giving our means for the carrying on of the cause of Christ within the borders of our own state. Men are coming to our state from all sections of the country and also from the old world, and we are compelled to give them the truth as it is in Christ or they will give to us the error they are practicing.

Your committee hopes that at the next Association that the amount given per member be greatly incrsased from 27 cents per member. Let our pastors and deacons and our messengers carry back home with them the earnest appeal for a real missionary spirit and educate our people to do their duty as our Heavenly Father has commanded.

Committee,
W. J. PETERS, Chairman
D. E. WILLIAMS,
J. W. WELFORD.

HOME MISSIONS.

Of the three departments of our great Mission task, State, Home, and Foreign Missions, the Home Missions department occupies a unique place and the very genius of it consists in its fitness to enlighten, elicit, combine and direct the forces of our great denomination for world conquest.

The Home Mission work touches every nook and corner of the eighteen states comprising the Southern Baptist Convention, and Cuba and the Canal zone, and we need only to suggest the importance of cultivating well the home field in order to best conserve and epuip our forces. The world looks to America to-day as never before for the gospel of the Prince of Peace, and America is looking to the Southern States for this great message. This great duty is both imposed and assumed —it is our duty and we have undertaken it.

Reports from every source are encouraging. Church extension is doing more than ever before to aid weak

churches to build houses, pastoriums and locate pastors.

The work in evangelism is being blessed as never before. Home Missions is to all its territory what State Missions means to Mississippi.

Home Missions enables our stronger states to help the weaker, the older states to help the younger ones. Is not this really the spirit of Christ?

No army can expect that does not look well to the base of supplies. Let us set ourselves to the task like men. We make the oft repeated plea for regular collections to this great work. So much must be paid as interest on borrowed money while the churches delay their offerings for Missions. Business judgment demands that we correct this condition.

Submitted,

TOM TOMLINSON, Chairman,
JAS. HENDERSON,
CHAS. GOFF.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Of all the great themes upon which men have thought and written, there are none greater than Foreign Missions, and of all that has been thought and written, the half has never been told. We would not in the least depreciate State, or Home Missions, but Foreign Missions is far more reaching in its influence than either. State and Home Missions are the beginning of christian activities. Foreign Missions are the culmination of christian activities. Jesus said ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and in Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth. The religion of Jesus advances by means of testimony and only so.

All power in heaven and on earth was given unto Jesus. He could have commanded the birds to sing their praise, He could have commanded the rocks to bear testimony of Him but he delegated this mission to men and women for whom He died to save.

The last time he met His disciples on earth He com-

manded them to go and preach the gospel to every creature. Jesus has the right and the authority to command. We are His, we are not our own—we have been bought with a price.

The greatest privilege that God ever gave to man is to be a witness for Him. Now we can not all go but we can all send. A man was hammering on a piece of iron when a neighbor came along and asked "what are you doing?" he said "I am preaching the gospel in China". The neighbor said "you are not preaching the gospel in China, you are just hammering on a piece of iron." "Yes" he said, "but while I am hammering on this piece of iron, I am supporting a missionary in China." If a man or woman is not called to go, it does not relieve them of the responsibility of sending. There is not any thing that needs more emphasis to-day than that the sin of omission is just as heinous in the sight of God as the sin of commission.

If Foreign Missions were not commanded, if it were not a great piivilege, it would be a paying proposition to this country. Because there are flocking to this country every class of men and if we do not send them the gospel before they come here or Christianize them after they do come here, somebody will have to be a missionary to America.

Respectfully submitted,
H. T. VAUGHAN, Chairman,
For the Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Secretary Treasurer's Report.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Arrangement of Correspondence.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

The following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That this, the Leaf River Association extend to the good people of Rocky Creek church and community our thanks for the hospitality and kindness shown the Association during our session.

Resolved, second, That we as members extend our thanks to the Moderator, borther Joe Walley, for his just rulings and faithful services during the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. PETERS,

TOM TOMLINSON.

On motion the Association finally adjourned to meet with Sand Hill church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1917.

Signed,

JOE WALLEY, MODERATOR,

E. E. ROBERTS, SECRETARY TREASURER.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Leaf River Baptist Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this association shall be to carry out our Lord's command, viz: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And especially to promote the Sunday School cause, to encourage a deeper interest in our denominational schools and literature; to encourage temperance; to use our best efforts to preaeh the gospel to the destitute, and to further any and all worthy benevolent enterprises.

Article 3. The membership of this body shall consist of messengers elected annually by the churces belonging to the association.

Article 4. This Association shall meet annually at a

time and place decided upon at the preceding meeting.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of each church belonging to this body to elect and send annually three messengers, together with a letter containing such information as may be required to make up intelligible tables of statistics.

Article 6. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be such as devolve upon such officers.

Article 7. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of one member from each church belonging to this association, such members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and approved by the Association.

Article 8. This Board shall meet while the Association is in session and elect its own chairman and secretary, and attend to any other business that may be necessary, and shall hold its meetings regularly thereafter on Saturday before the fifth Sunday during the year. This Board shall have power to transact all business relating to the objects for which this association stands. Five or more shall be considered a quorum to transact business at any regular meeting.

Article 9. This Association shall never exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever over the churches.

Article 10. Corresponding messengers from other Associations and Conventions of Missionary Baptists, and all brethren who may be invited to seats with us, are entitled to all the privileges of the Association except the right to vote.

Article 11. Before the close of the meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall appoint a principal and an alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 12. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote, except that it

shall require a two-thirds vote to exclude a church, or alter the Constitution or Articles of Faith; and any such alteration shall be made only after one year's notice thereof has been given, it being definitely understood that Article 1 shall ever remain in full force.

Article 13. Every church belonging to this Association is expected to contribute regularly to the work of this Association, the contributing church or individual having the right to specify the object to which the contribution should be applied.

Article 14. Every sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state and is now utterly void of holiness.

4 We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.

5 We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the gospel.

7. We believe that except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth or to enjoy His glory hereafter.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are duties of every one who hears the gospel.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies

and saves sinners.

10. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.

11. We believe in the preservation of the saints: that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His church and moral government.

13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, obeying the ordinances and observing the laws of Christ and that its officers are pastors and deacons.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer, in water, by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received in the fellowship of the regularly organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's Supper.

16. We believe that the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath should be observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.

19. We believe in the final judgment; and that in that day the righteous and wicked shall be separated forever.

20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep a Godly discipline, agreeable to the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of Regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers is Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions not otherwise provided for shall be decided by vote.

3. Any member not satisfied with the decision of the Moderator, may appeal to the Association on the same day.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, and when thus addressed, shall decide on the right of speaking.

5. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

6. No member shall be interupted while speaking except he depart from the subject, or use language of personal reflection.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another member in his seat; but he shall not vote on any subject unless the Association shall be equally divided.

8. A proposition may come before the Association by motion and second, but no two propositions shall be entertained at the same time.

9. When a proposition is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

10. When a motion has been decided, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration during the session.

11. No member shall be tolerated in any practice to corrupt good order. Every member shall speak respectfully to the officers and members of the Association and use the application "Brother" and no one shall leave the Association without permission.

12 All questions of order not provided for, shall be determined according to the usual practice of deliberate bodies.

13. These rules may be amended by two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, B. Y. P. U. AND W. M. U. STATISTICS

SUNDAY SCHOOL					B. Y. P. U.		W. M. U.	
CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Students	PRESIDENT	No. of Members	PRESIDENT	No. of Members
ANTIOCH	PRICE WILLIAMS							
CEDAR GROVE	O L INGRAM	MRS C COAKER						
FELLOWSHIP	L C KITRELL	ALLIE KITRELL	7	25				
LEAF	W McKAY	MRS ED MAYO	8	79				
LEAKESVILLE	C E ANDING		10	127	C TITTS	12		
McLAIN	T M FERRILL	C R WILLIAMSON	11	75			MRR T TOMLINSON	17
MACEDONIA	A J HULETT	J H WHATLEY	4	38			MRS T L LEWIS	
NEW HOPE	B R HEGWOOD	MYRTIS DENSON	8	99				
PLEASANT HILL	IRVIN BYRD	T G BYRD	6	75			JANIE DENSON	11
ROCKY CREEK	LOUIS MALLETT	MORRIS MALONE	6	48				
SALEM	J L HENDERSON	MARY HENDERSON	6	25				
SALEM (East Side)	J T MILLER	BETTIE BEARD	6					
SAND HILL	JOE WALLEY	E N BEARD	6					
SHADY GROVE	E J PETERS	GEORGIA RANAGER	8	100				
SWEET WATER	W L TURNER	OSCAR McLENDON	7	84				
UNION	W D HORN	ETHEL WALKER	5	35				
UNITY	C A BRADLEY	LEONA BREWER	9	97			MRS LEONA BALL	37
WASHINGTON								

HISTORICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	Last Year's Membership	Increase			Decrease			Number Males	Number Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	BY Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
ANTIOCH	REV TOM TOMLINSON	PRICE WILLIAMS	LEAKESVILLE MISS.		15								46
CEDAR GROVE	" " "	R.D.COCHRAN	R.1	123	13								136
FELLOWSHIP	" " "	J.W.JAMES	Rt.A	47	11	2				1	29	29	58
LEAF	D.W.BOONE	J.C.DAUGHDRILL	LEAF	61	4			2		1	29	29	58
LEAKESVILLE	TOM TOMLINSON	T.A.CHAPMAN	LEAKESVILLE	117		4		6		1	47	49	96
McLAIN	D.W.BOONE	T.M.FERRELL	McLAIN	139		7		11			55	58	113
MACEDONIA	J.A JOHNSON	J.A.HULETT	LUCEDALE	105	1			2		2	31	43	74
NEW HOPE	None reported	None reported	AGRICOLA	75	3			2		1	32	52	84
PLEASANT HILL	W.J.PARKER	GAINES WEST	Rt.4 RICHTON	144			1			1	77	65	141
ROCKY CREEK	R J.OBRYAN	E.L.PARKER	LUCEDALE	138	3	6		8		4			138
SALEM	W.T.SMITH	W.W.HENDERSON	R.5 RICHTON	16							7	10	17
SALEM (East Side)	TOM TOMLINSON	J. W.MILLS	LEAKESVILLE	50	5	1		2			29	25	54
SAND HILL	None reported	R.L. WALLEY	R1. RICHTON	112	13	2				3	61	69	130
SHADY GROVE	None reported	W A.HOWELL	LUCEDALE	138		4		4		3	76	67	143
SWEET WATER	TOM TOMLINSON	W.E.TURNER	LEAKESVILLE	82	8	1		18			40	37	77
UNION	J.A.JOHNSON	E.A.ECKHOFF	LUCEDALE	75		1		3	3				61
UNITY	W.M.BALLA	E.M.BALL	LEAKESVILLE	60	7	6	1	1		2	33	45	78
WASHINGTON	D.W.MOULDER	T.B.BYRD	NEELY	83	4	1				3	41	50	91

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	Charity	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Value of Church Property
ANTIOCH						$2 00							
CEDAR GROVE						2 75						$45 00	$525 00
FELLOWSHIP	$80 00			$ 7 00		1 50	$6 00	$3 30	$3 30				1000 00
LEAF	100 00	$55 00		44 55	$14 10	1 65	3 05					12 00	5000 00
LEAKESVILLE	300 00		$20 00	98 40		5 00	50 00	37 50	43 50		$25 00	273 45	1200 00
McLAIN	155 00			18 00		1 50	11 65	30 20	30 20	$2 00			
MACEDONIA	63 95		40 00	3 30		1 10		2 05			1 15		
NEW HOPE	150 00			12 74		2 50		38 10				42 00	500 00
PLEASANT HILL	100 00			7 50	5 00	3 00	10 00						1000 00
ROCKY CREEK	137 70			6 00		5 00	10 00					39 50	300 00
SALEM	44 00			4 00		1 00	2 75	1 55	1 55				1000 00
SALEM (EAST SIDE)	100 00	30 00		13 16		2 50	12 00	7 00	9 50				
SAND HILL	100 00			15 00		3 00		10 00	10 00	6 00			1000 00
SHADY GROVE	90 00	$1200		20 00	50 00	4 00	5 00					10 00	2000 00
SWEET WATER	150 00	200 00		20 00		2 75	4 27	8 08	7 88			18 00	300 00
UNION	70 00					1 00		1 25		1 10			650 00
UNITY	72 00			13 34	55 85	2 50		5 70	5 75	5 00			1000 00
WASHINGTON		$1000				3 00	7 84						